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2. ☑ The allowed claim(s) is/are <u>1-15</u> .		•	
3. The drawings filed on <u>02 April 2004</u> are accepted by the E	Examiner.		
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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Jeffery Norris on 8/25/04.

The application has been amended as follows:

Cancelled claims 16-21.

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: the prior art of record neither teaches nor suggests all of the claimed subject matter of claims 1, 10, & 15 including a flexible joining member connecting said peripheral edge of said second terminal wall to said peripheral edge of said first terminal wall thereby forming a living hinge; and the prior art of record neither teaches nor suggests all of the claimed subject matter of claim 8 including a flexible joint member connecting said second peripheral edge of said second terminal wall to said first peripheral edge of said first terminal wall, thereby forming a living hinge.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably Application/Control Number: 10/817,481

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accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to John R. Cottingham whose telephone number is (703) 306-3439. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Thursday, alternate Fridays.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Daniel P. Stodola can be reached on (703) 308-2686. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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